

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A dispensing machine stores and dispenses containers longitudinally within the machine up to the time that a container is released to the outlet. The containers are arranged in vertical columns
5 within the machine with four adjacent columns making up one set. Each set has a separate motor and the machine has a maximum selection equal to the number of sets. Each set has an upper abutment and a lower abutment that together control the movement of containers of each set to the outlet in succession. The two abutments are located
10 a distance of less than the height of one container apart from one another. The containers are narrower at a top than at a base.